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To Whom This May Concern,

Hi! My name is David Hutchison and I am currently in my senior year at the ACES/Educational Center for The Arts in the Theatre Dept. and I'm writing you this electronic letter to let you know that ECA is an arts magnet institution like no other. As I reach the peak time in my high school career deciding on which colleges to apply to and which to accept I would have never had the standards and requirements to apply to any of these top acting conservatories if I had never attended ECA. ECA is a school that really cares for the individual student, not one student ever gets ignored and everyone is friendly. We are all artist's and we all share a common interest. I guarantee you will never enter into a public high school and find that everyone you smile at will smile back at you. The faculty at ECA is absolutely devoted to us kids and works in their field of art and is trained in their art, but most importantly a good handful of the faculty are alumni and that says something within itself, that's how powerful this school is to the community.

The ACES/Educational Center for The Arts not only trains us kids in the art of our specific department, but trains us to be prepared, organized and responsible human beings and those are gifts that we all need to value. So in my very strong opinion I feel that it would be a huge disservice and let down not only to the town of New Haven and the Arts District, but all the kids that ever dreamed of being able to attend such an absolutely wonderful school and that is something that shouldn't be taken from your state's youth. I thank you for your time and consideration to read this e-mail and I hope that one day in 10-20 years I will be able to come back to 55 Audubon St. and find this very same building that creates inspiration still connected to its intentional purpose to mold young adults and artists. Thank You again.

--David Hutchison